



# Faces of Security Cooperation

## MARTIN DUMOND

INSTRUCTOR FOR DSCA'S HUMANITARIAN  
DEMINE TRAINING CENTER



Martin DuMond, a landmine clearance training instructor, has been with HDTC since 2007. In his position, DuMond travels to U.S. ally and partner nations to assess training requirements for projects and provides training for U.S. military personnel assigned to execute those projects.

## BIOGRAPHY

**Martin DuMond is originally from Costa Rica.**

DuMond served 23 years in the U.S. Army. During his service, he served as a first sergeant, operations sergeant, small unit team sergeant during combat operations, and protective service agent. His deployments included Guantanamo Bay Cuba (Haitian Boatlift), Iraq, and East Africa.

One of DuMond's current projects is working with the Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) on information management in support of mine action. He recently introduced the Mine Action Reporting System (MARS) in support of the U.S. Humanitarian Mine Action programs. This software allows field workers to complete reports in remote regions of the world where the internet is not available to them.

## IMPACT AND LEGACY

**HDTC provides assistance to partner nations plagued by landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW), and the effects of unexploded ordnance by developing their capacity for demining, explosive ordnance disposal, and physical security and stockpile management of conventional munitions.**

DuMond joined HDTC in 2007 after working in the U.S. Army civil affairs. He was introduced to landmine issues while working in developing countries in Latin America.

He said, "I have met families after a loved one died from a landmine and provided mine risk education in remote locations. I could see the appreciation on the faces of those I helped. Prevention is always better than trying to find a cure. Mine risk education is better than victim's assistance after an accident. The U.S. Humanitarian Mine Action program focuses on prevention through building the capacity of our partner nations' mine action programs using train-the-trainer methodologies.

## ABOUT "FACES OF SECURITY COOPERATION"

**September 1st, 2021 marks 50 years since the establishment of DSCA.**

In celebration of this milestone, DSCA is highlighting notable "Security Cooperators" who have served the Security Cooperation community over the past 50 years. These individuals, uniformed and civilian, all exemplify professionalism and public service, and embody DSCA's ethos of "security through global partnerships."

"Faces of Security Cooperation" aims to provide a quick glance at the lives and legacies of those who have made impactful change in the history of Security Cooperation. From our past into our future, we honor those whose contributions have shaped DSCA into the agency we know today.

